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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes, that is the idea."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Are we to understand that Government are not moving in any manner at all ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" They are moving as rapidly as possible."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the Excise department will do propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All that can be settled in the scheme only."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Have Government formulated any policy to achieve to some extent the ideal put forward by a resolution of this Council, viz., prohibition ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The whole scheme is for that."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Is the Excise department prepared to incur any loss in their revenue ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The policy of the Government has been greater revenue and less drink."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" More drink also brings more revenue ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It may be so, Sir."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Have the Government issued any kind of instruction to the Excise staff for cutting short the number of liquor shops ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The staff has been instructed to act according to the needs of the place."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" Is it a fact that the Finance Committee has turned down certain sums proposed to be spent for carrying on propaganda ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think we are not concerned with the grants."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" We are concerned with grants proposed to be made to local bodies ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Government are not local bodies."

Travelling allowances for members of the Excise Advisory Committee for inspection work.

* 1214 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals before the Government to permit the non-official chairman and members of the Excise Advisory Committee to inspect localities when objection is taken for the location of shops ;

(b) whether they will be entitled to draw the usual travelling and other allowances ; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, what the rates of allowances are ?

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A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No such proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister does not consider that the Excise Advisory Committees are quite useless ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is a matter on which each one has got his own opinion. I am not in a position to say so; nor have I the materials to come to the conclusion whether they are useless or not."

Adulteration of Food stuffs

Working of the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918.

* 1215 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not yet been brought into operation;

(*b*) whether the Health Officer of the City of Madras has reported that no effective control over the sale and exposure for sale of articles of food and drink will be possible until the Act is brought into force ; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to bring the Act into operation in Madras City and to which municipalities they propose to extend it ?

A.—(*a*) The question of extending the provisions of the Act to municipal areas has been under correspondence with certain municipal councils.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal to extend the Act from 1st April 1929 to the Madras Corporation and to the areas under the following municipalities is awaiting the sanction of Government to the staff necessary to help the Public Analyst :—

(1) Ootacamund ; (2) Madura ; (3) Guntur ; (4) Rajahmundry ; (5) Coimbatore ; (6) Calicut ; (7) Vizagapatam ; (8) Trichinopoly.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why for the last so many years the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not been brought into operation ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The question of deciding to which of the municipal areas the Act should be extended and also the question of appointing a competent staff to look after the duties—all these things do take time and hence the delay."

Medical

Re-organization of the medical service.

* 1216-A *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what effect has been given to the Government of India Order on the Lee Commission Report in respect of the re-organization of the medical services ; and

(*b*) whether there are any districts now reserved for European I.M.S. officers as per the above order to which no such officers have been posted ?